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REPORT

TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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Between 18 and 29 August 1954, the following observations were made at Brandis airfield:

18 to 23 August. There was no flying practiced nor were there any aircraft parked at the field. Aircraft from another airfield occasionally crossed over the field. On 21 August, there were firing practices at the target range and in the woods southeast of the field involving air force personnel and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets respectively.

24 August. No aircraft were observed taking off or landing. Between 0740 and 1630, aircraft from other airfields were repeatedly seen crossing over the field. Jet aircraft were heard flying above the clouds.

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25 August. No aircraft were observed taking off or landing at the field. Repeatedly MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen flying at very high altitudes.

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26 August. There was no air activity at the field. About 1600, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 which was being attacked by another aircraft was seen aloft. Four short bursts of fire were heard.

27 to 29 August. No aircraft were seen aloft.

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Between 24 and 29 August, no aircraft were parked on the landing field. The doors of the hangars were open.

On 27 August, a train, including boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen at the Brandis railroad station. The train was subsequently shunted to the field.

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Comment. As of late August, the ground attack regiment stationed at Brandis airfield had not yet returned. The pilots of this regiment are being retrained on MiG-15s at Finsterwalde airfield.

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